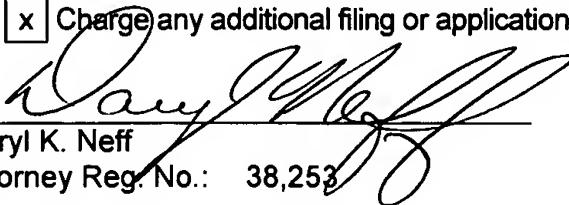
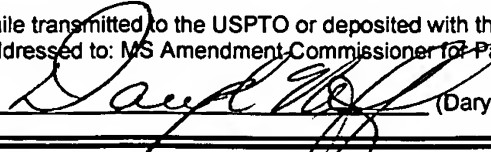
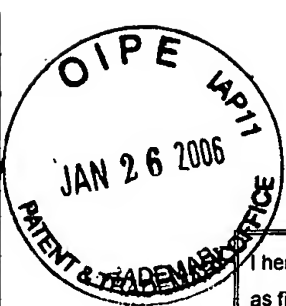




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

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